

REMARKS

Claim 13 has been canceled without disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein or prejudice to Applicants' right to file any continuation application directed thereto. Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1-12, 14, and 15 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated March 31, 2005, claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka (EP-1137054). Applicants respectfully submit that claim 13 has been canceled, thereby mooted the rejection.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 1-12, 14, and 15 have been allowed, and respectfully submit that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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